13th November 1965]

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : A trailer bus is operating between Adyar and Parrys Corner from 22nd October 1965 on an experimental basis.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Is there any proposal to introduce such buses in other routes?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, we are watching the working, the collection, the manoeuvreability of the vehicles and other factors. A decision will be taken after examination of these things. In any event, we want to try in one or more routes before taking a final decision, and the next trailer bus will be introduced in Poonamallee High Road.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, will the Government take into consideration the great hardship that will be caused to the general public and general traffic by the introduction of these buses, because already the State Transport buses are driven very rashly by the drivers? Not only are the public aware of it, but the Police also know this.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, is it then the hon. Members suggestion that the trailer buses should not be introduced?

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, the present drivers cannot drive safely and in the interest of the general public. These need not be introduced now.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, the hon. Member is judging before even trying the experiment.

Price of a standard measure of rice

* 239 *Q.*—SRI M. SANKARALINGAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state the price of a standard measure of rice in the open market (i) at the time of introduction of food control by the Government; and (ii) after its introduction?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (i) The price of rice in the open market at *the time of introduction of food control* in the Madras State ranged from 62 Paise to 79 Paise per litre.

(ii) The price after *introduction of food control* in the Madras State ranged from 60 Paise to 72 Paise per litre.

Supply of Milk to the Madhavaram Milk Project by Co-operative Societies

* 240 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state the number of Co-operative Societies that supply milk to the Madhavaram Milk Project in the districts of Chingleput, North Arcot and South Arcot ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : A paper [a] is placed on the Table of the House.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 397-378.